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ANNOUNCER: "Now, here with his predictions of things to come, is Drew Pearson."

DREW PEARSON WAS SEEN ON THE TV SCREEN.

PEARSON: "First a prediction regarding the most debated question in the Dominican Republic -- was that nation really threatened with a communist take-over? Central Intelligence has made available to the press a list of 58 communists, many of them trained in Cuba, to justify President Johnson's sending of as many troops into the Dominican Republic in a week -- about 30,000 -- as the total we have sent into Viet Nam -- 33,000 -- in ten years.

"But James Goodsole, correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, went to rebel headquarters, and could find none of these 58 in evidence, as the American Embassy said they would. Now the new provisional president, Col. Francisco Caammano, trained, incidentally in Quantico, Virginia by the Marines, has said that there were some communists in his forces, but they had no influence. Some newspaper men reported that Col. Caammano couldn't control his own forces because the communists violated an early cease-fire.

"However, neutral OAS ambassadors report that the reason for this was that pro-Bosch rebels were infuriated at the sight of American Marines in the front line -- replacing the anti-Bosch troops of General (Wesseny Wessin?). In other words they saw the Marines actively fighting in the revolution, for the military cabal, not just protecting Americans.

"So here's my prediction:-- Current investigation will show that there are some communists in the Dominican revolt, but the chief problem is unemployment. One-third of the Dominicans are out of work. Many are hungry, and when a man can't feed his family, he doesn't care much whether he dies, sniping at the Marines, who, through no fault of theirs, have become the hated symbol of American imperialism.

"I predict, it will be found that the landing of Marines increased, not lessened, the danger of communism.